

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Jipin Zhong et al.) Group Art Unit: 1502
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Div. of 08/834,155) Previous Examiner: C. AZPURU
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For: BIOACTIVE SOL-GEL)
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Before examination, please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-31, and 33-37.

REMARKS

In the parent application, 08/834,155, the Examiner required the claims be restricted to Group 1 consisting of claims 1-13, 19-22, 27-31 and 33-37 or Group II consisting of claims 14-18 and 23-26 or Group III consisting of claim 32. Applicants elected to prosecute the claims of Group I with traverse. In the present divisional application, Applicants wish to prosecute the claim of Group III. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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